



### ***AIRFEST 2004—GROWS TO A FULL WEEKEND EVENT***

### **June 26 and 27 Aviation Celebration Promises More Aircraft, Aerial Acrobatics & Flying Formations**

The Port of Bellingham's AIRFEST 2004 will be packed full of aviation excitement. So full that the event has grown into a two-day event. To accommodate the growth of the show, the date has changed from the traditional Fathers' Day event to the last weekend in June.

"Even the pilots told us they wanted to rest on Father's Day, so we decided to change the date" said Art Choat, Port Aviation Director. "A full weekend show gives us the ability to land a lot more planes and acts."

This is the second year Bellingham International Airport has been given federal approval to offer aerial acrobatics. This year promises to include more in-the-air entertainment than last year. Friday evening there will be a special sneak preview of AIRFEST—a night act fly-by complete with fireworks. While there will be plenty of action in the air, there also will be great planes to view and tour on the tarmac. Over 80 vintage, military, experimental and high-tech aircraft will be on display as well as an antique car and motorcycle show as well as numerous food vendors and aviation booths.

Four different nationally known stunt pilots will be performing, in addition to the Fraser Blues, a Navion flying formation group. B-17 and B-24 Bombers will be flying in for AIRFEST.

The Heritage Flight Museum plans to display and perform flyovers with 11 of its finely restored vintage planes and numerous other historic and experimental plane owners will add their aircraft to the show. The Cascade Warbirds will also bring a variety of their historic planes with formation flyovers.

Kids will especially enjoy AIRFEST as Jay Jay the Jet Plane and a Female Human Cannon are scheduled to appear. In addition, the Marietta Fire Department (Fire District 8) will bring Pluggy the Robot, a remote control fire hydrant, and the Fire Safety House, a two-story playhouse with fire escape tools, to teach children about fire safety.

People will have a chance to view Bellingham from the air with rides available on board biplanes, float planes and a helicopter.

### **AIRFEST 2004**

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Dates:** Saturday June 26 and Sunday June 27

**Location:** Bellingham International Airport

**Entrance Fee:** \$5 per person, kids age 6 and under free

**Parking:** Off-site Parking is strongly encouraged. Shuttle services will be available from the Bellis Fair parking lot on Bakerview.

# Airfest

## Pilots and General Aviation

Gate 9 will be open for airport tenant use. You will need to use your airport ID card to access the airfield as normal. This however will not give you access to the show. All persons will need to go through the pay gate to enter the show. The Whatcom County Sheriff Department is aware of our tenants need to access the airport and will allow you access by showing your airport ID card to them.

I'm sorry about any wait you have when entering the airport. As you know, we only have three access routes which are all used for the show. We try to move vehicle traffic as quick as possible so customers do not miss a flight. We will do everything we can to keep the traffic moving.

You will be allowed to fly as long as it is not during the closed airspace times. We have to close the airspace during the performing acts for safety of the performer and any aircraft entering the airspace. Listed below are the closure times.

Airspace	Hour	Date	Event
	9:05	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Departure
Closed	10:30 to 10:45	June 25, 26 & 27	Bill Shepard Aerobatics
Closed	10:50 to 11:15	June 25, 26 & 27	Frasier Blues
Closed	11:15 to 11:30	June 25, 26 & 27	T-6's
	11:45	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Arrival
	12:05	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Departure
Closed	12:15 to 12:30	June 25, 26 & 27	Bud Granley
Closed	12:45 to 13:00	June 25, 26 & 27	P-51
Closed	13:05 to 13:20	June 25, 26 & 27	Manfred Radius Sailplane
	13:33	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Arrival
	13:55	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Departure
Closed	14:05 to 14:20	June 25, 26 & 27	Bud Granley/Ross Granley
Closed	14:25 to 14:40	June 25, 26 & 27	Manfred Radius Paramotor Act
	15:01	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Arrival
	15:22	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Departure
Closed	15:35 to 15:50	June 25, 26 & 27	Cascade Warbirds
	20:42	June 25, 26 & 27	Horizon Arrival
Closed	21:00 to 21:20	June 25, 26 & 27	Manfred Radius Night Show

This will be in affect Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>. The only exception is that Manfred Radius will only be performing Friday night at 21:00. The Air Space closures on Friday are to allow the performers to practice here at Bellingham International.

I hope that the North Sound Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association will have a booth at the show as last year. If you have any future concerns or questions. Please feel free to contact me at anytime. All of you are our customers and we value our customers.

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